

**ADDENDUM DATED 5 JULY 2023**

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*Capitalised terms appearing on the cover of this Addendum have the same meanings as defined herein.*

This Addendum and the Notice of AGM dated 5 July 2023 (“**Notice of AGM**”) of Boustead Projects Limited (“**Company**”) have been published on the SGXNet website at <https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements>. This Addendum and the Notice of AGM are also available on the corporate website of the Company at <https://www.bousteadprojects.com>. A printed copy of this Addendum will not be despatched to Shareholders of the Company. The purpose of this Addendum is to provide information to Shareholders relating to, and to seek Shareholders’ approval for, the proposed renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate to be tabled at the AGM of the Company to be held at Nicoll 1 (Level 3), Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore 039593 on 28 July 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

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**BOUSTEAD PROJECTS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration Number: 199603900E)

**ADDENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**IN RELATION TO**

**THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE**

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## DEFINITIONS

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Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply throughout this Addendum:

- “ACRA”** : Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority.
- “Addendum”** : This Addendum dated 5 July 2023.
- “AGM”** : Annual general meeting of the Company.
- “Approval Date”** : Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.2(a) of this Addendum.
- “Associate”** : (a) In relation to any Director, chief executive officer, Substantial Shareholder or Controlling Shareholder (being an individual) means:
- (i) his immediate family;
  - (ii) the trustees of any trust of which he or his immediate family is a beneficiary or, in the case of a discretionary trust, is a discretionary object; and
  - (iii) any company in which he and his immediate family together (directly or indirectly) have an interest of 30% or more.
- (b) In relation to a Substantial Shareholder or Controlling Shareholder (being a company) means any other company which is its subsidiary or holding company or is a subsidiary of such holding company or one in the equity of which it and/or such other company or companies taken together (directly or indirectly) have an interest of 30% or more.
- “Average Closing Price”** : Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.2(d)(iii) of this Addendum.
- “Board”** : The Board of Directors of the Company as at the date of this Addendum.
- “CDP”** : The Central Depository (Pte) Limited.
- “Companies Act”** : Companies Act 1967 of Singapore, as amended or modified from time to time.
- “Company”** : Boustead Projects Limited.
- “Constitution”** : The constitution of the Company currently in force.
- “control”** : The capacity to dominate decision-making, directly or indirectly, in relation to the financial and operating policies of a company.

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<b>“Controlling Shareholder”</b>	:	A person who (a) holds directly or indirectly 15% or more of the total voting rights in the Company (unless the SGX-ST determines that such a person is not a controlling shareholder of the Company); or (b) in fact exercises control over the Company.
<b>“Directors”</b>	:	The directors of the Company as at the date of this Addendum.
<b>“EPS”</b>	:	Earnings per Share.
<b>“Extension”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.8 of this Addendum.
<b>“Further Extension”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.8 of this Addendum.
<b>“FY”</b>	:	Financial year ended 31 March.
<b>“Group”</b>	:	The Company and its subsidiaries.
<b>“immediate family”</b>	:	In relation to a person, means the person’s spouse, child, adopted child, step-child, sibling and parent.
<b>“Latest Practicable Date”</b>	:	16 June 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Addendum.
<b>“Listing Manual”</b>	:	The listing manual of the SGX-ST, as amended or modified from time to time.
<b>“Listing Rules”</b>	:	The listing rules of the SGX-ST as set out in the Listing Manual.
<b>“Market Day”</b>	:	A day on which the SGX-ST is open for securities trading.
<b>“Maximum Price”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.2(d)(ii) of this Addendum.
<b>“month”</b>	:	A calendar month.
<b>“NTA”</b>	:	Net tangible assets.
<b>“Off-Market Share Purchase”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.2(c)(i)(2) of this Addendum.
<b>“Offer”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.8 of this Addendum.
<b>“Offeror”</b>	:	Boustead Singapore Limited.
<b>“On-Market Share Purchase”</b>	:	Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.2(c)(i)(1) of this Addendum.
<b>“Register of Members”</b>	:	Register of members of the Company.

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- “Relevant Period”** : The period commencing from the date on which the last AGM was held and expiring on the date on which the next AGM is held or is required by law to be held, or the date on which the purchases of Shares under a Share Buy-Back Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated, whichever is earlier, unless prior to that, it is varied or revoked by resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.
- “Rule 14”** : Has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 2.10(a) of this Addendum.
- “SFA”** : The Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore, as amended or modified from time to time.
- “SGX Regco”** : Singapore Exchange Regulation Pte. Ltd.
- “SGX-ST”** : Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.
- “Share Buy-Back”** : The purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate.
- “Share Buy-Back Mandate”** : A general mandate given by Shareholders to authorise the Directors to purchase or otherwise acquire, on behalf of the Company, Shares in accordance with the terms set out in this Addendum, the provisions of the Companies Act (including the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder), and the Listing Rules.
- “Shareholders”** : Persons who are registered as holders of Shares in the Register of Members maintained by the Company, except where the registered holder is CDP, the term “Shareholders” shall mean the Depositors whose Securities Accounts maintained with the CDP are credited with Shares.
- “Shares”** : Ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company.
- “subsidiary holdings”** : Shares held by subsidiaries of the Company in accordance with the Companies Act.
- “Substantial Shareholder”** : A person who has an interest in one or more voting shares in the Company and the total votes attached to such shares is not less than 5% of the total votes attached to all the voting shares (excluding treasury shares) in the Company.
- “Take-over Code”** : The Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers, as amended or modified from time to time.
- “S\$” and “cents”** : Singapore dollars and cents, respectively.
- “%” or “per cent.”** : Percentage or per centum.

The terms **“Depositor”**, **“Depository Register”** and **“Depository Agent”** shall have the meanings ascribed to them respectively in Section 81SF of the SFA.

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The term “**treasury shares**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 4 of the Companies Act.

The term “**subsidiary**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 5 of the Companies Act.

Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and *vice versa*. Words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders and *vice versa*.

References to persons shall include corporations.

The headings in this Addendum are inserted for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Addendum.

Any reference in this Addendum to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any term defined under the SFA, the Companies Act or the Listing Manual, or any statutory modification thereof, and used in this Addendum shall, where applicable, have the meaning ascribed to it under the SFA, the Companies Act or the Listing Manual, or such modification thereof, as the case may be, unless otherwise provided.

Any reference to a time of day in this Addendum shall be a reference to Singapore time unless otherwise stated.

Any discrepancies in figures included in this Addendum between the amounts listed and the totals thereof are due to rounding. Accordingly, figures shown as totals in this Addendum may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

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## LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

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### BOUSTEAD PROJECTS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)  
(Company Registration Number: 199603900E)

#### Directors:

Mr John Lim Kok Min (*Chairman & Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Mr Wong Yu Wei (Huang Youwei) (*Executive Deputy Chairman*)  
Mr Chu Kok Hong @ Choo Kok Hong (*Managing Director*)  
Mr Chong Lit Cheong (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Professor Yong Kwet Yew (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Mr Tam Chee Chong (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)

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5 July 2023

To: The Shareholders of Boustead Projects Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

### THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Addendum is circulated to the Shareholders of the Company together with the Company's annual report for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 ("**Annual Report**"). The notice of AGM dated 5 July 2023 convening the AGM to be held on 28 July 2023 ("**Notice of AGM**") and proxy form in respect of the AGM to be held on 28 July 2023 are enclosed with the Annual Report.
- 1.2 The proposed Ordinary Resolution 9 in the Notice of AGM seeks to obtain Shareholders' approval for the proposed renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate ("**Proposed Resolution**").
- 1.3 The purpose of this Addendum is to provide Shareholders with information relating to the Proposed Resolution to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM to be held on 28 July 2023. This Addendum has been prepared solely for the purpose set out herein and may not be relied upon by any persons (other than the Shareholders of the Company) or for any other purpose.
- 1.4 The SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements made, opinions expressed or reports contained in this Addendum.

#### 2. PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

##### 2.1 Rationale for the Proposed Renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate

It is a requirement under the Companies Act that a company which wishes to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares should obtain the approval of its shareholders to do so at a general meeting of its shareholders. It is also a requirement under the Listing Manual that an issuer which wishes to purchase its own shares has to obtain approval from its shareholders to do so at a general meeting of its shareholders. In this regard, the approval for the renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate was previously granted by the Shareholders at the AGM held on 28 July 2022. It is proposed that the approval of Shareholders be sought for the renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate at the forthcoming AGM to be held on 28 July 2023.

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The Share Buy-Back Mandate will provide the Directors with the ability to enhance Shareholders' value by providing them with the flexibility to purchase or acquire Shares as and when they are of the view that this would be in the best interests of the Company. In addition, the Share Buy-Back Mandate will allow the Directors to improve the return on equity and will, depending on the market conditions, lead to an enhancement of the EPS and the NTA per Share of the Company. The Share Buy-Back Mandate will also allow the Directors to exercise greater control over the Company's share capital structure and dividend payout.

The Share Buy-Back Mandate would give the Company a relatively expedient and cost-effective mechanism to facilitate the return of surplus cash reserves over and above its ordinary capital requirements. The Directors are also of the view that the Share Buy-Back Mandate will provide them with the means to mitigate short-term volatility in the price of the Shares, offset the effects of short-term speculation and bolster the confidence of investors and Shareholders.

The Share Buy-Back Mandate will enable the Directors to utilise the Shares which are purchased or acquired thereunder and held as treasury shares to be sold for cash, transferred as consideration for the acquisition of shares in or assets of another company or assets of a person, or issued to employees as a form of compensation, which may be less dilutive than if new Shares were issued for this purpose.

The Company will only purchase or acquire Shares as and when the circumstances permit and provided that it will be beneficial to the Company and Shareholders. Shareholders should note that purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate may not be carried out to the full limit as authorised. No purchase or acquisition of Shares will be made in circumstances which would have or may have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and capital adequacy position of the Company as a whole and/or affect the listing status of the Company on the SGX-ST (please see paragraph 2.8 of this Addendum for further details).

It should be noted that there is no assurance that the proposed Share Buy-Back Mandate will achieve the desired effect, nor is there assurance that such effect (if achieved) can be sustained in the longer term.

### 2.2 Authority and Limitations

The authority and limitations placed on purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company under the proposed Share Buy-Back Mandate, if approved, are set out below:

#### **(a) Maximum Number of Shares**

Only Shares which are issued and fully paid-up may be purchased or acquired by the Company.

The total number of Shares that may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate is limited to that number of Shares representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares, ascertained as at the date of the resolution passed to approve the Share Buy-Back Mandate ("**Approval Date**"), unless the Company has effected a reduction of the share capital of the Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act at any time during the Relevant Period, in which event the total number of Shares shall be taken to be the total number of issued Shares as altered after such capital reduction. For purposes of calculating the percentage of issued Shares above, treasury shares and subsidiary holdings will be disregarded. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 6,739,369 treasury shares and no subsidiary holdings.



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**For illustrative purposes only**, based on the existing issued and paid-up share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date comprising 313,260,631 Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings), and assuming that no further Shares are issued on or prior to the Approval Date, not more than 31,326,063 Shares (representing 10% of the Shares as at that date excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate.

**(b) Duration of Authority**

The purchase or acquisition of Shares may be made, at any time and from time to time, on and from the Approval Date up to the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next AGM;
- (ii) the date by which such AGM is required by law to be held;
- (iii) the date on which the Share Buy-Backs are carried out to the full extent mandated pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate; or
- (iv) the date on which the authority conferred by the Share Buy-Back Mandate is revoked or varied by the Shareholders in a general meeting.

The Share Buy-Back Mandate may be renewed at each AGM or such other general meeting of the Company. When seeking the approval of Shareholders for such renewal, the Company is required to disclose details pertaining to purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate made during the previous twelve (12) months, including the total number of Shares purchased or acquired, the purchase price per Share or the highest and lowest prices paid for such purchases or acquisitions of Shares, where relevant, and the total consideration paid for such purchases or acquisitions.

**(c) Manner of Share Buy-Backs**

- (i) Pursuant to Rule 882 of the Listing Manual, Share Buy-Backs may be made by way of:
  - (1) on-market share purchases ("**On-Market Share Purchase**"), transacted on the SGX-ST through the SGX-ST trading system, through one or more duly licensed stockbrokers appointed by the Company for the purpose; and/or
  - (2) off-market share purchases ("**Off-Market Share Purchase**") effected in accordance with an equal access scheme pursuant to Section 76C of the Companies Act. The Directors may impose such terms and conditions which are not inconsistent with the Share Buy-Back Mandate, the Companies Act and the Listing Rules as they consider fit in the interests of the Company in connection with or in relation to an equal access scheme.
- (ii) An Off-Market Share Purchase scheme must, however, satisfy all of the following conditions:
  - (1) offers for the purchase or acquisition of Shares shall be made to every person who holds Shares to purchase or acquire the same percentage of their Shares;

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- (2) all of the abovementioned persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to accept the offers made; and
- (3) the terms of all the offers shall be the same, except that there shall be disregarded:
  - (A) differences in consideration attributable to the fact that offers may relate to Shares with different accrued dividend entitlements;
  - (B) differences in consideration attributable to the fact that offers relate to Shares with different amounts remaining unpaid (if applicable); and
  - (C) differences in the offers introduced solely to ensure that each person is left with a whole number of Shares.
- (iii) In addition, the Listing Manual provides that, in making an Off-Market Share Purchase in accordance with an equal access scheme, the Company must issue an offer document to all Shareholders which must contain at least the following information:
  - (1) the terms and conditions of the offer;
  - (2) the period and procedures for acceptance;
  - (3) the reasons for the proposed share buy-back;
  - (4) the consequences, if any, of the share buy-back by the Company that will arise under the Take-over Code or other applicable take-over rules;
  - (5) whether the share buy-back, if made, would have any effect on the listing of the Shares on the SGX-ST;
  - (6) details of any share buy-back made by the Company in the previous twelve (12) months (whether On-Market Share Purchases or Off-Market Share Purchases), giving the total number of Shares purchased, the purchase price per Share or the highest and lowest prices paid for the purchases, where relevant, and the total consideration paid for the purchases; and
  - (7) whether the Shares purchased by the Company will be cancelled or kept as treasury shares.
- (d) **Maximum Purchase Price**
  - (i) The purchase price (excluding brokerage, commission, stamp duties, applicable goods and services tax, clearance fees and other related expenses) to be paid for the Shares will be determined by the Directors.

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- (ii) However, the purchase price to be paid for the Shares as determined by the Directors must not exceed:
- (1) in the case of an On-Market Share Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price (as defined below); and
  - (2) in the case of an Off-Market Share Purchase pursuant to an equal access scheme, 120% of the Average Closing Price (as defined below),
- ("Maximum Price") in either case, excluding related expenses of the On-Market Share Purchase or Off-Market Share Purchase (as the case may be).

- (iii) For the above purposes:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last five (5) Market Days, on which transactions in the Shares were recorded, immediately preceding the date of making the On-Market Share Purchase or, as the case may be, the day of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Share Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs during the relevant five (5) Market Day period and the day on which the purchases are made; and

"day of the making of the offer" means the day on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase of Shares from Shareholders, stating the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Share Purchase.

### 2.3 Status of Purchased or Acquired Shares

#### (a) **Cancellation**

Shares that are purchased or acquired by the Company shall, unless held as treasury shares to the extent permitted under the Companies Act (as set out below), be deemed cancelled immediately upon purchase or acquisition, and all rights and privileges attached to those Shares will expire on cancellation. The total number of Shares will be diminished by the number of Shares purchased or acquired by the Company and which are not held as treasury shares.

All Shares purchased or acquired by the Company (other than treasury shares held by the Company to the extent permitted under the Companies Act) will be automatically de-listed by the SGX-ST, and (where applicable) certificates in respect thereof will be cancelled and destroyed by the Company as soon as reasonably practicable following settlement of any such purchase or acquisition.

The Company may decide to cancel Shares which have been purchased or acquired by the Company or hold such Shares as treasury shares, depending on whether it is in the interests of the Company to do so. It is presently intended by the Company that Shares which are purchased or acquired by the Company will be held as treasury shares, up to the maximum number of treasury shares permitted by law to be held by the Company.

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### (b) Treasury Shares

Under the Companies Act, Shares purchased or acquired by the Company may be held or dealt with as treasury shares. Some of the provisions on treasury shares under the Companies Act are summarised below:

#### (i) Maximum Holdings

The number of Shares held as treasury shares cannot at any time exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares. In the event that the Company holds more than 10% of the total number of its Shares as treasury shares, the Company shall cancel or dispose of the excess treasury shares in the manner set out under paragraph 2.3(b)(iii) below within six (6) months beginning with the day on which that contravention occurs, or such further period as the Registrar of Companies may allow.

#### (ii) Voting and Other Rights

The Company cannot exercise any right in respect of treasury shares. In particular, the Company cannot exercise any right to attend or vote at meetings and for the purposes of the Companies Act, the Company shall be treated as having no right to vote and the treasury shares shall be treated as having no voting rights.

In addition, no dividend may be paid, and no other distribution (whether in cash or otherwise) of the Company's assets may be made, to the Company in respect of treasury shares. However, the allotment of shares as fully paid bonus shares in respect of treasury shares is allowed.

A subdivision or consolidation of any treasury share into treasury shares of a larger or smaller number (as the case may be) is also allowed so long as the total value of the treasury shares after the subdivision or consolidation is the same as before.

#### (iii) Disposal and Cancellation

Where Shares are held as treasury shares, the Company may at any time:

- (1) sell the treasury shares (or any of them) for cash;
- (2) transfer the treasury shares (or any of them) for the purposes of or pursuant to any share scheme, whether for its employees, directors or other persons;
- (3) transfer the treasury shares (or any of them) as consideration for the acquisition of shares in or assets of another company or assets of a person;
- (4) cancel the treasury shares (or any of them); or
- (5) sell, transfer or otherwise use the treasury shares for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Minister for Finance.

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Under Rule 704(28) of the Listing Manual, an immediate announcement must be made of any sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares (in each case, the “usage”). Such announcement must include details such as the date of the usage, the purpose of the usage, the number of treasury shares comprised in the usage, the number of treasury shares before and after the usage, the percentage of the number of treasury shares comprised in the usage against the total number of issued shares (of the same class as the treasury shares) which are listed on the SGX-ST before and after the usage and the value of the treasury shares comprised in the usage.

The Board shall lodge with ACRA within thirty (30) days of the cancellation or disposal of treasury shares the notice of the cancellation or disposal of treasury shares in the prescribed form with such particulars as may be required in the form, together with payment of the prescribed fee.

### 2.4 Source of Funds

The Company may only apply funds for Share Buy-Backs as provided in the Constitution and in accordance with the applicable laws in Singapore. Only funds legally available for purchasing Shares in accordance with the Companies Act shall be utilised. Under the Companies Act, any purchase or acquisition of the Shares may be made out of the Company’s distributable profits which are available for payment as dividends or using capital if the Company is solvent.

Pursuant to Section 76F(4) of the Companies Act, a company is solvent if at the date of the payment the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) there is no ground on which the company could be found to be unable to pay its debts;
- (b) if:
  - (i) it is intended to commence winding up of the company within the period of twelve (12) months immediately after the date of the payment, the company will be able to pay its debts in full within the period of twelve (12) months after the date of commencement of the winding up; or
  - (ii) it is not intended so to commence winding up, the company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the period of twelve (12) months immediately after the date of the payment; and
- (c) the value of its assets is not less than the value of its liabilities (including contingent liabilities) and will not, after any purchase or acquisition of shares, become less than the value of its liabilities (including contingent liabilities).

The Company may use internal resources and/or external borrowings to finance the Company’s purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate. However, in considering the option of external financing, the Board will particularly consider the prevailing gearing level of the Company. The Board will only make purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate in circumstances which they believe will not result in any material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company. The purchase or acquisition of Shares will only be effected after considering relevant factors such as the working capital requirement, availability of financial resources, the expansion and investment plans of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-Back Mandate in a manner and to such extent that the liquidity, gearing levels and capital adequacy position of the Group would be materially and adversely affected.

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### 2.5 Financial Effects

#### (a) **General**

Under the Companies Act, purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company may be made out of the Company's capital or profits so long as the Company is solvent. Where the total amount of the purchase price (excluding brokerage, commission, stamp duties, applicable goods and services tax, clearance fees and other related expenses) ("**Purchase Price**") paid by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of Shares is made out of profits, such Purchase Price will correspondingly reduce the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company. Where the Purchase Price paid by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of Shares is made out of capital, the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company will not be reduced.

Where the Company chooses not to hold the purchased Shares in treasury, such Shares shall be cancelled. The Company shall:

- (i) reduce the amount of its share capital where the Shares were purchased or acquired out of the capital of the Company;
- (ii) reduce the amount of its profits where the Shares were purchased or acquired out of the profits of the Company; or
- (iii) reduce the amount of its share capital and profits proportionately where the Shares were purchased or acquired out of both the capital and the profits of the Company,

by the total amount of the Purchase Price paid by the Company for the Shares cancelled. Where the purchased Shares are held as treasury shares, the total number of issued Shares will remain unchanged.

Shareholders should note that the financial effects illustrated below are for illustration purposes only. In particular, it is important to note that the financial analysis set out below are based on the audited consolidated financial statements for FY2023 and are not necessarily representative of future financial performance of the Group. Although the proposed Share Buy-Back Mandate would authorise the Company to buy-back up to 10% of the Company's issued Shares, the Company may not necessarily buy back, or be able to buy back, 10% of the issued Shares in full.

#### (b) **Financial Effects of the Share Buy-Back Mandate**

It is not possible for the Company to realistically calculate or quantify the impact of purchases or acquisitions that may be made pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate on the NTA and EPS as the resultant effect would depend on factors such as the aggregate number of Shares purchased or acquired, the purchase prices paid at the relevant time, the amount (if any) borrowed by the Company to fund the purchases or acquisitions, whether the purchase or acquisition is made out of profits or capital, and whether the Shares purchased or acquired are held as treasury shares or cancelled.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-Back Mandate to such an extent that it would have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Group. The purchase or acquisition of Shares will only be effected after considering relevant factors such as the working capital requirement, availability of

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financial resources, the expansion and investment plans of the Group, and the prevailing market conditions.

**Purely for illustrative purposes**, on the basis of 313,260,631 Shares in issue (excluding 6,739,369 shares held as treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no further Shares are issued and no reduction of the share capital of the Company is effected on or prior to the Approval Date, the purchase by the Company of 10% of its issued Shares will result in the purchase of 31,326,063 Shares.

In the case of an On-Market Share Purchase by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires 31,326,063 Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$1.00 for each Share (being the price equivalent to 105% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five (5) consecutive Market Days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding 28 March 2023, being the date on which trading of the Shares on the SGX-ST was suspended, following the loss of the public float after the close of the Offer), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition is approximately S\$31,326,063.

In the case of an Off-Market Share Purchase by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires 31,326,063 Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$1.14 for each Share (being the price equivalent to 120% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five (5) consecutive Market Days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding 28 March 2023, being the date on which trading of the Shares on the SGX-ST was suspended, following the loss of the public float after the close of the Offer), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition is approximately S\$35,711,712.

For illustrative purposes only and on the basis of the assumptions set out above as well as the following:

- (i) the Share Buy-Back Mandate had been effective on 31 March 2023; and
- (ii) such Share purchases are funded solely by internal resources and/or borrowings,

the financial effects on the audited consolidated financial results of the Group for FY2023, are set out below:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Before Share Buy-Back S\$'000</b>	<b>After Share Buy- Back by way of On- Market Share Purchase S\$'000</b>	<b>After Share Buy- Back by Off-Market Share Purchase S\$'000</b>
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>			
Share capital and Reserves	400,995	369,669	365,283
Shares held in treasury	(5,495)	(36,821)	(41,207)
NTA <sup>(1)</sup>	400,897	369,571	365,185
Current assets	359,045	327,719	323,333
Current liabilities	298,420	298,420	298,420
Working capital	60,625	29,299	24,913
Total borrowings <sup>(2)</sup>	1,689	1,689	1,689
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	18,350	18,350	18,350

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Group	Before Share Buy-Back S\$'000	After Share Buy- Back by way of On- Market Share Purchase S\$'000	After Share Buy- Back by Off-Market Share Purchase S\$'000
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>			
Number of Shares, excluding treasury shares ('000)	313,261	281,935	281,935
<b>Financial Ratios</b>			
NTA per share (cents)	128.0	131.1	129.5
Gearing (times) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio (times) <sup>(4)</sup>	1.2	1.1	1.1
EPS (cents) <sup>(5)</sup>	5.9	6.5	6.5

**Notes:**

- (1) NTA refers to share capital and reserves less intangible assets.
- (2) Total borrowings refer to borrowings from financial institutions.
- (3) Gearing ratio equals total borrowings divided by share capital and reserves.
- (4) Current ratio means current assets divided by current liabilities.
- (5) EPS equals profit attributable to owners of the Company divided by the total number of Shares, excluding treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

**The financial effects set out above are for illustrative purposes only.** It should also be noted that the purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate would only be made in circumstances where it is considered to be in the best interests of the Company. Although the Share Buy-Back Mandate would authorise the Company to purchase up to 10% of the issued Shares, the Company may not necessarily purchase or be able to purchase the entire 10% of the issued Shares. In addition, the Company may cancel all or part of the Shares purchased or acquired, or hold all or part of the Shares purchased or acquired in treasury.

The Directors emphasise that they do not propose to exercise the Share Buy-Back Mandate to the extent that it will have a material adverse impact on the financial position of the Group. The Directors will be prudent in exercising the Share Buy-Back Mandate only to such extent which the Directors believe will achieve benefits to the Group and its Shareholders from time to time, giving consideration to the prevailing market conditions, the financial position of the Group and other relevant factors. Please see paragraph 2.8 of this Addendum for further details in relation to the Company's public float and the circumstances under which the Company may exercise the Share Buy-Back Mandate.

**(c) Tax Implications**

**Shareholders who are in doubt as to their respective tax positions or tax implications of a Share Buy-Back by the Company, or who may be subject to tax whether in or outside Singapore, should consult their own professional advisers.**



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### 2.6 Reporting Requirements

The Companies Act and the Listing Rules require the Company to make reports in relation to the Share Buy-Back Mandate as follows:

- (a) within thirty (30) days of the passing of a Shareholders' resolution to approve purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company, the Company must lodge a copy of such resolution with ACRA;
- (b) the Company must notify ACRA within thirty (30) days of a purchase or acquisition of Shares on the SGX-ST or otherwise. Such notification in the form as may be prescribed by ACRA shall include details of the date of the purchase or acquisition, the total number of Shares purchased or acquired by the Company, the number of Shares cancelled, the number of Shares held as treasury shares, the Company's issued share capital before the purchase or acquisition of Shares, the Company's issued share capital after the purchase or acquisition of Shares, the amount of consideration paid by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of Shares, whether the Shares were purchased or acquired out of profits or the capital of the Company and such other particulars as may be required; and
- (c) purchases of Shares must be reported to the SGX-ST in the forms prescribed by the Listing Rules and announced to the public in the case of On-Market Share Purchases, not later than 9.00 a.m. on the Market Day following the day of purchase or acquisition of any of its Shares, and in the case of Off-Market Share Purchases, not later than 9.00 a.m. on the second Market Day after the close of acceptances of the offer made by the Company.

### 2.7 Suspension of Buy-Back of Shares

The Listing Rules do not expressly prohibit any purchase or acquisition of shares by a listed company during any particular time(s). However, as the Company would be considered an "insider" in relation to any proposed purchase or acquisition of its Shares, the Company will not undertake any purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate after a price sensitive development has occurred or has been the subject of a consideration and/or a decision of the Board until such time as the price sensitive information has been publicly announced. In particular, the Company will not purchase any Shares during the period commencing one (1) month before the announcement of the Company's half year and full year financial statements, and ending on the date of announcement of the relevant results.

### 2.8 Listing Status

The Listing Rules require a listed company to ensure that at least 10% of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares (excluding preference shares and convertible equity securities) in a class that is listed is at all times held by the public. The "public", as defined in the Listing Rules, are persons other than the Directors, chief executive officer, Substantial Shareholders or Controlling Shareholders of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as the Associates of such persons.

On 6 February 2023, the Offeror announced its intention to make a voluntary unconditional cash offer ("**Offer**") for all the issued Shares, other than treasury shares and those Shares already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror, its related corporations and their respective nominees and the parties acting in concert with it as at the date of the Offer in accordance with Rule 15 of the Take-over Code. As at the close of the Offer at 5.30 p.m. (Singapore time) on 27 March 2023, the total number of Shares which are held in public hands was 13,769,611 Shares, representing approximately 4.40% of the issued Shares (excluding

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treasury shares). As the Company had ceased to meet the public float requirements under Rule 723 of the Listing Manual, the Company requested the SGX-ST to suspend the trading of its Shares with effect from 9.00 a.m. on 28 March 2023. The Offeror informed the Company that the Offeror was exploring various options, and accordingly, at the request of the Offeror, the Company had, on 4 April 2023, made an application to the SGX Regco for a three-month period commencing on 27 March 2023 (being the date of the close of the Offer) and ending on 26 June 2023, to comply with Rule 724 of the Listing Manual ("**Extension**"). On 10 April 2023, the Company announced that the SGX Regco had no objection to the grant of the Extension. Following the Extension, the Offeror has informed the Company that the Offeror is continuing to explore various options. At the request of the Offeror, the Company made an application to the SGX Regco on 23 June 2023 for a further three-month extension commencing from 27 June 2023 (being the date following the last day of the Extension) and ending on 26 September 2023, to comply with Rule 724 of the Listing Manual ("**Further Extension**"). On 26 June 2023, the Company announced that the SGX Regco had no objection to the grant of the Further Extension.

As announced by the Company on 15 March 2023, there are limited options available to the Board to bring the Company into compliance with the public float requirements under the Listing Rules, and any proposals which may be made by the Board are subject to the Offeror's approval or cooperation, and are therefore not within the control of the Company or the Board. The Offeror has stated in the offer document dated 27 February 2023 that its intention is to privatise the Company and delist the Company from the SGX-ST, should the option be available to the Offeror, and that it has no intention to undertake or support any action for any trading suspension by the SGX-ST to be lifted.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there is a public float of 13,769,611 Shares representing approximately 4.40% of the issued Shares (excluding treasury shares), which is less than public float requirements under Rule 723 of the Listing Manual. Accordingly, the Company will not be able to conduct any purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate prior to the restoration of the public float requirements under Rule 723 of the Listing Manual. In addition, while trading in the Shares is suspended, the Company will not be able to conduct On-Market Share Purchases and any transfer of Shares will require the approval of the SGX-ST.

In view of the foregoing, while the Company remains listed on the SGX-ST, the Company does not currently intend to purchase or acquire any Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate until such time when the Company is brought into compliance with the public float requirements under the Listing Rules. If the Company is brought into compliance with the public float requirements under the Listing Rules, in undertaking any Share Buy-Back, the Directors will use their best efforts to maintain the public float requirement at all times, and ensure that a sufficient number of Shares remains in public hands so that the Share Buy-Backs will not:

- (a) adversely affect the listing status of the Shares on the SGX-ST;
- (b) cause market illiquidity; or
- (c) adversely affect the orderly trading of Shares.

### 2.9 Share Buy-Backs during the last twelve (12) months

In the last twelve (12) months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, the Company did not purchase any Shares pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate granted at the AGM held on 28 July 2022.

2.10 Take-over Code Implications

**(a) Obligation to Make a Take-over Offer**

Pursuant to Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code, an increase of the proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company of a Shareholder and persons acting in concert with him as a result of any purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 14 of the Take-over Code ("**Rule 14**").

Under Rule 14, a person will incur an obligation to make a mandatory take-over offer for the Company if, *inter alia*, he and the persons acting in concert with him increase their voting rights in the Company to 30% or more or, if they, together holding between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, increase their voting rights in the Company by more than 1% in any period of six (6) months.

If, as a result of any purchase or acquisition by the Company of Shares, the proportionate interest in the voting capital of the Company of a Shareholder and persons acting in concert with him increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 14. Consequently, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert with a Director could obtain or consolidate effective control of the Company and become obliged to make an offer under Rule 14.

**(b) Persons acting in concert**

Under the Take-over Code, persons acting in concert comprise individuals or companies who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), cooperate, through the acquisition by any of them of shares in a company, to obtain or consolidate effective control of that company.

Unless the contrary is established, the Take-over Code presumes, *inter alia*, the following persons to be acting in concert, namely:

- (i) a company with any of its directors (together with their close relatives, related trusts and companies controlled by any of the directors, their close relatives and related trusts); and
- (ii) a company, its parent company, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries, and their associated companies and companies of which such companies are associated companies, all with each other. For this purpose, ownership or control of at least 20% but not more than 50% of the voting rights of a company will be regarded as the test of associated company status.

The circumstances under which Shareholders, including Directors and persons acting in concert with them, respectively, will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer after a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company are set out in Rule 14 and Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code.

2.11 Effect of Rule 14 and Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code

The effect of Rule 14 and Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code is that:

- (a) unless exempted, Directors and persons acting in concert with them will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 if, as a result of the Company purchasing or acquiring its Shares, the voting rights of such Directors and persons

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acting in concert with them would increase to 30% or more, or if the voting rights of such Directors and persons acting in concert with them fall between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, the voting rights of such Directors and persons acting in concert with them would increase by more than 1% in any period of six (6) months. In calculating the percentages of voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties, treasury shares shall be excluded; and

- (b) a Shareholder not acting in concert with the Directors will not be required to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 if, as a result of the Company purchasing or acquiring its Shares, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase to 30% or more, or if such Shareholder holds between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase by more than 1% in any period of six (6) months. Such Shareholder need not abstain from voting in respect of the resolution authorising the Share Buy-Back Mandate.

### 2.12 Application of the Take-over Code

The interests of the Directors and Substantial Shareholders of the Company in the Shares are disclosed below in paragraph 3 of this Addendum.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, as at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors or Substantial Shareholders of the Company would become obliged to make a take-over offer for the Company under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code as a result of the Share Buy-Backs by the Company of the maximum limit of 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

- 2.13 **The statements in this Addendum do not purport to be a comprehensive or exhaustive description of all implications that may arise under the Take-over Code. Shareholders are advised to consult their professional advisers and/or the Securities Industry Council and/or the relevant authorities at the earliest opportunity as to whether an obligation to make a take-over offer would arise by reason of any purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate.**

### 3. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

Based on the Company's register of interest of Directors and register of Substantial Shareholders respectively, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the interests of Directors and Substantial Shareholders of the Company in the Shares are as follows:

	Direct Interest	% <sup>(1)</sup>	Deemed Interest	% <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Interest	% <sup>(1)</sup>
<b><u>Directors</u></b>						
John Lim Kok Min	50,000	0.02	-	-	50,000	0.02
Wong Yu Wei (Huang Youwei)	18,671	0.01	1,833,843	0.58	1,852,514	0.59
Chu Kok Hong @ Choo Kok Hong	500,000	0.16	-	-	500,000	0.16
Chong Lit Cheong	50,000	0.02	-	-	50,000	0.02
Professor Yong Kwet Yew	50,000	0.02	-	-	50,000	0.02
Tam Chee Chong	50,000	0.02	-	-	50,000	0.02
<b><u>Substantial Shareholders (other than Directors)</u></b>						
Boustead Singapore Limited	236,526,412	75.50	-	-	236,526,412	75.50
Wong Fong Fui <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	296,938,506	94.79	296,938,506	94.79

**Notes:-**

- (1) Based on 313,260,631 Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) as of the Latest Practicable Date.

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- (2) Mr Wong Fong Fui is deemed interested in 52,720,834 Shares, representing 16.83% of the total issued share capital of the Company, held through nominees. In addition, Mr Wong Fong Fui, through his interest in not less than 20% of the issued share capital of the following entities, is also deemed interested in:
- (i) 236,526,412 shares (representing approximately 75.50%) held by Boustead Singapore Limited; and
  - (ii) 7,691,260 shares (representing approximately 2.46%) held by Bright Assets Enterprises Limited.

#### 4. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

The Directors are of the opinion that the proposed renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate is in the best interests of the Company. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of the Proposed Resolution, relating to the proposed renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate as set out in the Notice of AGM.

#### 5. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM and wish to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote at the AGM on their behalf must complete, sign and return the Proxy Form attached to the Notice of AGM in accordance with the instructions printed thereon in the following manner:

- (a) if submitted by post, be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, #14-07 Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632; or
- (b) if submitted electronically, be submitted via email to [agm.teame@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:agm.teame@boardroomlimited.com),

as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the AGM. The completion and return of a Proxy Form by a Shareholder will not preclude him from attending and voting in person at the AGM should he subsequently decide to do so, although the appointment of the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked by such attendance.

A Depositor shall not be regarded as a Shareholder of the Company entitled to attend the AGM and to speak and vote thereat unless his name appears on the Depository Register as at 72 hours before the AGM.

Shareholders should refer further to the Company's announcement dated 5 July 2023 entitled "Annual General Meeting" which has been uploaded together with this Addendum on SGXNET for further information, including the steps to be taken by Shareholders to participate at the forthcoming AGM to be held on 28 July 2023. Such announcement may also be accessed on the Company's website at <https://www.bousteadprojects.com>.

#### 6. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Addendum and confirm after making all reasonable enquiries that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this Addendum constitutes full and true disclosure of all material facts about the proposed renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate, the Company and its subsidiaries, and the Directors are not aware of any facts the omission of which would make any statement in this Addendum misleading. Where information in this Addendum has been extracted from published or otherwise publicly available sources or obtained from a named source, the sole responsibility of the Directors has been to ensure that such information has been accurately and correctly extracted from those sources and/or reproduced in this Addendum in its proper form and context.

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### 7. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 82 Ubi Avenue 4, #07-01 Edward Boustead Centre, Singapore 408832 during normal business hours on any weekday (public holidays excepted) up to and including the date of the AGM to be held on 28 July 2023:

- (a) the Constitution of the Company; and
- (b) the Annual Report.

Yours faithfully

**BOUSTEAD PROJECTS LIMITED**

Mr John Lim Kok Min  
Chairman & Independent Non-Executive Director